

Food Regulation Forum

Thursday 6 April 2017

Summary of meeting outcomes

Multi-chain retail event, Parramatta

The Food Regulation Forum attended an event hosted by NSW Food Authority (the Food Authority) and attended by representatives of multi-chain retail food businesses. After presentations by Food Authority and the Implementation Sub-Committee for Food Regulation attendees engaged in a lively panel discussion. Presentations from the day are available <u>here</u>.

Food Safety Management Tools

The Food Authority is surveying businesses and enforcement agencies on the implementation and effectiveness of food safety management tools. This survey is part of a national project by the Implementation Sub-Committee for Food Regulation.

Council appointments

Food Authority will be updating enforcement agency Instruments of Appointment and associated protocols and guidelines in 2017, with the new arrangements to come into to effect from 1 July 2018. Food Authority will be consulting extensively with councils and other stakeholders from May 2017 and will be asking for comments on changes by 30 June 2017.

Business case for electronic reporting platform

Part of the Food Authority's <u>formal response</u> to the NSW Auditor General's 2016 performance audit was a commitment to preparing a business case for an electronic reporting platform where real time data from council inspections can be automatically collated. The Food Authority is consulting within government to identify funding and partnership opportunities to deliver this initiative and will report progress at future meetings.